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09/910,629

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeffrey S. Kuskin  
Serial No.: 09/910,629  
Filing Date: July 20, 2001  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING  
NODE CONTROLLERS USING PARTITIONS IN  
A COMPUTER SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/219,949 filed July 20, 2000. --